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1) BETRAYAL OF HOLY PLACES.

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We do not mean this time those holiest of holes of the nation, such as the Mount of the Temple or the Wailing Wall. The contempt in which these are held by the leaders of the State of Israel is only too well known. Were it not for this contempt, the Old City would not have been emptied of Jews, nor would it have fallen and, as a consequence, the "lay" Jerusalem would have been spared bombardment and siege.

This time we wish to denounce the traitors for their betrayal of places that seemed to have been holy even to them.

The "Military Governor" of Jerusalem made a strong-worded pronouncement on the future of Jerusalem, containing a demand for a wide corridor to connect the city with the coastal plain.

Very well. Let us forget for a moment the Old City. But, Mr. Joseph, what about the Etzion Block? What about Ataroth and Neveh-Yaaqov? How have these happened to disappear from the Jewish map? By what authority? Why have these places been forgotten and dropped out of speeches of ministers and party speakers? Why do not at least Mizrahi Ministers place them at the head of their list of political demands?

Have not these places been sanctified in a manner acceptable even to the most extreme of our secularists? Are not these something more than historical monuments or areas of military occupation like Lydda and Ramleh? Have not these places been sanctified by all that is sacred to Zionism: first of all by money, then by sweat and lastly by blood of their defenders? Oh, the triple sanctity of bearers of pure weapons, toilers of the land and redeemers of soil (by money)!

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Nevertheless these places have been forgotten!

Nevertheless abandoned and betrayed are the land and the toil, the sweat and the blood.

But then even the thirty kilometres, demanded by Mr. Joseph, are not yet occupied by the Defence Army: they are only claimed by Mr. Joseph; why not claim also the restoration of the Etzion Block, Neveh-Yaaqov and Ataroth?

Confidentially - claims carry little weight, unless backed by military occupation. In the same way as people have learned that the State of the Plain cannot exist without Jerusalem and that Jerusalem cannot be ours unless a wide belt around it comes into our possession, they will yet realize that Jerusalem cannot remain Jewish without having Jewish areas north and south of it, i.e. Ataroth and Neveh-Yaaqov on one side of it and the Etzion Block on the other.

Treason is not only a result of moral depravity; it is also a sign of lack of political and strategic horse sense.